

SENATE BILL 2444

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6; Title 7; Title 9, Chapter 3 and Title 71,
relative to local government finances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

(a) It is the policy of this state to favor childbirth as integral to the health and welfare of the citizens of the state and therefore to favor family planning services that do not include elective abortions or the promotion of elective abortions within the continuum of care or services offered by the provider and to avoid the direct or indirect use of public funds to promote or support elective abortions.

(b) In furtherance of this state policy, a local government shall not provide monetary assistance to an elective abortion provider.

(c) For purposes of this section, an "elective abortion provider" means any entity that performed, or operated or maintained a facility that performed, more than fifty (50) abortions in the previous year, or any affiliate of such an entity.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.